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Ref: 1436-21311

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
18 Sand, Reservoir A
BAY ST. ELAINE FIELD
Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 18 Sand, Reservoir A, in the Bay St. Elaine Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 68 acres for the 18 Sand, Reservoir A, designated as the 18 RA SUA, Bay St. Elaine Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the 18 RA SUA;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other-property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To designate the Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP-UN13 No. 18 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit;
5. To grant an exception to the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E and to permit applicant, Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP to designate and utilize the Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP-UN12 No. 11 Well as an alternate unit well for the 18 RA SUA, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
6. To grant an exception to the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E and to permit applicant, Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP to designate and utilize the Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP-UN13 No. 19 Well as an additional alternate unit well

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for the 18 RA SUA, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;

7. To grant a single unit allowable for the 18 RA SUA and to permit the operator of the unit to produce said unit allowable from the unit well, the proposed alternate unit wells, or from a combination of the wells, at its option;
8. To make a specific finding that such proposed alternate unit wells are necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the 18 RA SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any other well within the unit.
9. To confirm Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company as operator of the proposed unit;
10. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The 18 Sand, Bay St. Elaine Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 567-T, effective October 21, 1997 and the 18 Sand, Reservoir A is hereby defined as being that oil and gas bearing sand encountered between the measured depths of 6,630 feet and 6,880 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Texaco Inc.-VU13:BSE UN 13 No. 15 Well, located in Section 19, Township 22 South, Range 18 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated January 4, 2006 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2006. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer was received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

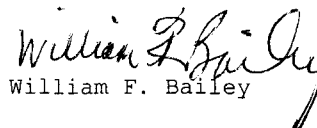
Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the 18 RA SUA, Bay St. Elaine Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Art Christy, of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 302 La Rue France, Suite 100, 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


William F. Bailey

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager, Office of Conservation
All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

